(Rs. in lakh)

Scheme		Amount released
Project Package Scheme	:	542.48
Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme	:	382.25
Health Package Scheme	:	45.41
Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana	:	143.51
Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme	:	61.15
Market Development Assistance	:	0.74
Research & Development Project	:	3.00
Publicity & Exhibition Scheme	:	23.92

(b) The State Government of Manipur has confirmed that the employees of Manipur Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation have not been getting their salaries for the last more than a year.

(c) The State Government has informed that it has drawn up a revitalization package for the Corporation and under that package, eighty three employees have shown their willingness to leave the Corporation under certain conditions and that approval of the package and the release of salaries to the employees are dependent on the availability of funds. Since the aforesaid Corporation is not a Central Public Sector Undertaking, payment of salaries to its employees is not a matter within the purview of the Central Government.

Central Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme for handloom weavers in Gujarat

3171. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Central Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme in Gujarat for handloom weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of weavers benefited therefrom;

(d) whether Government propose to provide more workshed-cum-houses for the weavers in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) to (e) The Government of India is implementing the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme in the country including the State of Gujarat. However, the State has not availed of the benefit under the Scheme. In the year 2000-01, a sum of Rs. 230.00 lakh was released by the Central Government to cover 2500 weavers who were affected in the wake of the earthquake that hit the State. Since the exact losses could not be gauged due to the large scale devastation and a collapse in the communication system, no district-wise proposals were collected and the assistance was provided as an *ad-hoc* humanitarian measure. No proposal has been received from the State for the current year.

Closure of units in textiles and garment sectors in Gujarat

3172. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that quite a good number of units in textiles and garment sectors particularly in the SSI have closed down in Gujarat in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for their closure; and

(d) the steps Government have taken for their revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The data on closed Small Scale Industries (SSI) is not maintained as it is not compulsory for SSIs to register themselves with State Governments. However, the Reserve Bank of India compiles data on sick SSIs financed by the scheduled commercial banks. As per the latest data compiled by the RBI, the number of sick SSI units in the State of Gujarat as at the end of March, 1998, 1999 and 2000 were 6808, 4170 and 5928 respectively. The data on industry-wise sick SSI units in different States are not compiled by the RBI.

(c) The main reasons for sickness/closure are inadequacy of credit, technological obsolescence, marketing problems, infrastructural constraints, faulty planning, managerial deficiencies, etc.

(d) The Government has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries which